

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4612-02  
Bill No.: SCS for HB 1955  
Subject: Courts; Crimes and Punishment; Criminal Procedure; Evidence; Victims of Crime  
Type: Original  
Date: April 17, 2002

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

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## ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on the courts.

Officials from the **Office of Attorney General** assume costs are unknown but would likely require additional staff to identify and inform community groups and other groups of their rights in drug related prosecutions.

**Oversight** assumes the AGO could absorb the cost of identifying and informing community groups and other groups of their rights in drug related prosecutions. If the AGO experiences costs that would justify additional FTE, the AGO could request funding through the appropriation process.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** assume this bill would allow for neighborhood groups, community groups, and social services agencies to request to be notified of information on an offender's release for any reason which includes parole, death, commutation, pardon, escape, and recapture. It also allows these groups/agency to attend sentence hearings and present an impact statement for cases involving a felony controlled substance offense.

The DOC Victim's Services Unit would be required to provide notification to these groups for the above-noted events. The volume of requests (and resulting notification procedure) is unknown. It is possible that additional staff would be required to provide scheduling and group coordination for attending parole hearings as well as perform the required victims' notification services.

In summary, the fiscal impact for the DOC is an unknown amount.

**Oversight** assumes the DOC could absorb the cost of crime victim notification. If the DOC experiences costs that would justify additional FTE, the DOC could request funding through the appropriation process.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
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#### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

The proposed legislation could have a fiscal impact on small business.

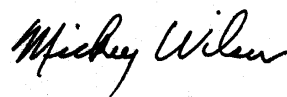
#### DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation would allow, with court approval, neighborhood groups, community groups, and local social service agencies to have a representative present at sentencing hearings for felony drug offenses. The representative would have the right to present a community impact statement about the effect of the drug offense on the community. The representative would also have the ability to make suggestion for types of community service.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space. This legislation would not affect Total State Revenue.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of State Courts Administrator  
Department of Social Services  
Office of Attorney General  
Department of Corrections



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